

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 160

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A RESOLUTION to commemorate the 100th anniversary of
International Business Machines (IBM).

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should recognize and commend those exemplary institutions that, through an abiding commitment to excellence, have contributed greatly to this State for many years; and

WHEREAS, IBM is one such institution and will celebrate 100 years in business on June 16, 2011; and

WHEREAS, while countless corporations, political groups, technologies, economic upheavals, and scientific disciplines have risen and disappeared, IBM has persevered; its insights are critical to America's rising leaders who are charting their paths in a more global and competitive world; and

WHEREAS, IBM's Centennial is about making the world work better. This invaluable company has pursued progress in the last century in three ways: by pioneering the science of information; changing the way the world works; and reinventing the modern corporation; and

WHEREAS, IBM will celebrate 100 years of science and technology breakthroughs as it develops innovations to address global challenges for the next 100 years; the company has always created technological discoveries that transform our lives, from the first electronic calculator to the Watson computer intelligent enough to battle champions on the popular television game show, *Jeopardy*; and

WHEREAS, since its founding on June 16, 1911, IBM has continued to evolve and to anticipate the needs of clients and of citizens around the world; IBM has always used the information revolution to improve our world by creating technology that permits cleaner air and

water, better crime-fighting systems for cities, and lower incidence of AIDS, influenza, and other infectious diseases; and

WHEREAS, IBM has anticipated the challenges of global business and collaboration, from building an equal opportunity workforce eleven years before the Civil Rights Act of 1964 to being the first technology company to acquire a consulting firm. It has continued to reinvent itself as a modern corporation through strong leadership, management training, and global growth; and

WHEREAS, IBM's long-term view of leadership development and talent management has helped affect positive changes within business and society; the company has pioneered many of the management practices of the 20th century business, from diversity and accessibility to cross-cultural adaptability, and the ability to train managers on a massive scale; and

WHEREAS, IBM also has a long and rich history of serving the U.S. government; the partnership dates back to the early 1900s when IBM pioneered cutting-edge technology to sort census results quicker than human clerks for the U.S. Census Bureau; and

WHEREAS, the company also supports burgeoning municipalities with the establishment of "Smarter Cities"; these efforts include reducing traffic congestion and resulting air pollution; digitizing health records to improve patient care; improving access to and quality of education; enhancing surveillance systems to reduce crime rates; sourcing and managing power more intelligently; and improving quality, supply, and access to water; and

WHEREAS, unmatched in the world of business and technology, IBM continues to shape the way the world works, investing six billion dollars annually in research and development;

WHEREAS, IBM has operated with acumen and integrity for 100 years, standing as a business of excellent reputation, and it is wholly deserving of the formal recognition of this Body; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we honor and congratulate the management and employees of IBM on the celebration of the company's 100th anniversary, applaud IBM's ongoing legacy of integrity and

commitment to excellence, and wish the renaissance establishment much continued success in its future endeavors

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.